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## Allen Begins Senate Term

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Allen sworn in by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Corrigan

**Traverse City**–Senator Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, joined his fellow legislators today at the Capitol for the beginning of the 2003-2004 legislative term. Prior to the opening of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session, Allen was officially sworn into office as the State Senator for the 37<sup>th</sup> District at a ceremony in the Michigan State Capitol.

"The opportunity to serve the residents and families of the 37<sup>th</sup> District as their state Senator is something I will treasure throughout my life," Allen said. "The Michigan State Senate will play an important role this year in addressing issues that affect residents across northern Michigan. I promise to continue to work hard to ensure that the concerns of my constituents are heard in the Michigan State Capitol."

All 38 members of the Michigan Senate were sworn in by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan. Senator Allen was joined by his parents, wife and daughter at the podium as the Chief Justice conducted the ceremony.

Allen will serve as the chair the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee, vice chair of the Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform Committee, and a member on the Government Operations Committee.

As the Senator from the 37<sup>th</sup> District, Allen represents Grand Traverse, Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Mackinac and Chippewa counties.

Note: A downloadable photograph of Senator Allen at the Michigan State Senate swearing in ceremony will be available after 5 p.m. on the Senate Photowire, located at <a href="http://www.senate.state.mi.us/gop/photowire/">http://www.senate.state.mi.us/gop/photowire/</a>.

Audio comments from Allen on the first day of session are also available on the Senate Hotline at (517) 373-4000.